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Roxbury, July 31, 1870.

My dear Lucy: Mrs. W. P. Garrison

Wendell's visit was all too short, but the pleasure we derived from it was very great. It seemed like other days to have him with us, as if the wheels of time had been reversed, and he was neither husband nor father, but only a promising young son, still under our parental care. The only drawback upon his visit was the excessively hot weather, which kept us in the melting mood day and night, and interfered with all my plans for going to Lynn, Newburyport, Amesbury, &c.; just as it did when your beloved mother and Lloyd were with us, in regard to out-door recreation. But it enabled Wendell to be with his mother much more than he might have done; and his society was a great comfort to her, especially in the absence of ~~society~~ Fanny.

We have just received a pencilled note from him, written on board of the steam boat Narragansett, as he was nearing New-York, and stating that he had had a safe and pleasant passage. He speaks of the brilliancy of the morning, and of the magnificent views that were opening to him; but to-day the weather is equally glorious, though still very warm; and William and I occupied this morning in roaming over Parker Hill, enjoying one of the finest and most varied panoramic views to be found in connection with any city on either side of the Atlantic. That hill, with its immediate surroundings, would make a public park quite unrivalled in many of its features, and should long ago have been secured for that purpose; but it is now too late, as there are too many private residences upon it. I do not remember whether you went to it when here; but it electrifies me to stand upon its commanding summit.

Another letter received from Fanny, yesterday, announces that everything is going happily with them. Their rooms are just to their taste; their daily fare is very good, with plenty of cream and berries; they enjoy sublime views ~~of~~ the mountains from their windows; they have had sunsets rivalling those we saw in glorious Switzerland; Helen has very much improved in health, and found some very pleasant little children to play with; and Harold is one of the sweetest, jolliest little fellows to be met with, and a great favorite with all comers. In some respects Harry feels much better than he did when at home. Possibly I may make them a visit before they return.

The enclosed trifle accept for yourself, or Lloyd, or Philip, as you please, with assurances of my most loving regards, and my most affectionate remembrances to father and mother.

Ever yours, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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